

# All the Latest Photoplay News

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THRILLING MOMENT IN THE RECTOR COMEDY SERIES. "THE AIR TORPEDO."

## Stories of the Photoplays.

### "The Air Torpedo."

(At the Columbia Today.)

At the beginning of the story Col. Crawford has completed a device for dropping explosive shells from aeroplanes while in full flight. Requested by his government to guard the plans of the invention with his life if need be, he has installed a safe in his home in which the plans are kept.

Col. Crawford's son is continually getting into scrapes from which he is quite often rescued by his sister, who is married to Lieut. Gordon, an attaché of Col. Crawford's staff. Young Crawford has unfortunately borrowed \$2,000 from one of his companions, who is a spy in disguise. Pressed for the money, the ungrateful son resolves to steal the plans of his father's invention to settle his loan with the secondarily McDonald. Young Crawford executes the theft in the middle of the night in the presence of his sister, who has followed him into the room.

When dawn breaks, Lieut. Gordon finds his wife in a stupor, the safe door swinging open and every evidence that the thief had made a clean getaway. The military detectives who are called in to investigate discover Lieut. Gordon's gloves on the table, and lock him up as the culprit. To save her husband, Col. Crawford's daughter informs her father that his son is the real thief.

Unable to bear the disgrace that an exposure of the theft will bring, Col. Crawford resolves to sacrifice his son's life in order to regain the precious plans. Taking his seat in a hydroplane, he flies through the air and gradually overcomes the motorboat in which the conspirators are escaping. With a blinding explosion, a shell spreads downward, totally destroying the motorboat plowing through the water beneath. The conclusion of the story is most dramatic.

### "The Double Cross."

(At the Raphael Today.)

It will be remembered that John Perriton, after taking the blame of a murder to save the brother of the girl he loved, escaped to Long Island, and after a series of exciting adventures managed to evade the relentless pursuit of the police. A fox-eyed little lawyer named Lipmann, and a burly "strong-arm" man named "Biceps" were the chief agents

of the conspiracy.

At the beginning of the story, Perriton is in a state of despair, having been betrayed by the police.

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## QUERIES and COMMENTS

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Moving picture followers are invited to submit their queries and comments to the Editor of the Washington Herald, care of the Editor, to be published in this column.

Motion Picture Editor: I am a constant reader of your column and enjoy it very much.

I read with great interest the letter written by L. E. S. asking you if you ran a matrimonial bureau or a moving picture department. Of course I get her point, but I am a little on the side of the person who is curious to know if certain actors and actresses are married. It seems to me that it is a very interesting thing to know something about their private life, even if we have no purpose in knowing how they live. I am sure that you will find out all the information I want to know.

To know that an actress was married would not make her less charming to me in a moonlight love scene, or if I had the opportunity to go to a picture show, I would like to see her in a scene where she is married. I would like to see her in a scene where she is married. I would like to see her in a scene where she is married.

Jim-Tony suggestion: An excellent one. Hereafter I will put it in force. I will ask my correspondents to please refer all personal questions to the actors or their companies.

Motion Picture Editor: I have not seen one of my favorite stars of the screen for some time. Tell me, please, if Owen Moore has left the Pathé and if so with what company he is now playing? Thanking you in advance.

A Reader-Owen Moore has never played with the Pathé. He is a mutual actor and can be seen often in their pictures.

Motion Picture Editor: I have recently come to Washington from Wyoming where I lived the ranch life over a year and am conversant with all the elements of cowboy life. I have several plots that I believe would make good pictures. I would advise that you go to the ranch and see the life for yourself. I would like to see you in a scene where you are a cowboy. I would like to see you in a scene where you are a cowboy.

M. J. The Kalem Company, of Chicago, and the Essanay Company, of New York, make the greatest number of pictures. I would advise that you go to the Kalem Company and see the life for yourself. I would like to see you in a scene where you are a cowboy. I would like to see you in a scene where you are a cowboy.

Motion Picture Editor: I and my friend have had a dispute as to what company the "Brute" is. The "Brute" is a mutual actor and can be seen often in their pictures.

Two Birds—You both are right. The Famous Players made "The Brute" film and they are proud of it.

PREPARE FOR SUMMER CAMPS.

Students Over 17 May Participate in Military Instructions.

Preparations to secure the success of the students' military instruction camps, which are to open July 6, are being made by War Department officials.

It was announced yesterday at the War Department that students anywhere past their seventeenth year may take part in these camps. The new ruling is expected to swell the number of boys who will participate in the camps because the legal requirement of eighteen years minimum had formerly been construed to apply to boys beyond their eighteenth birthdays.

The district superintendent of schools of Reading, Pa., and the State board of education of Connecticut have directed that the high school boys and graduates to the opportunity offered for a month's outdoor life and military training under government supplies for the sum of \$17.50.

Troop K of the Fifth Cavalry at Fort Myer have been ordered to proceed to the camp to be held at Asheville, N. C., as part of the plan to bring regular troops and college students in close relation.

## Read This Story Today Then See It in the Movies

### "OLD CALIFORNIA."

(Through Special Arrangement With the Universal Film Company.)

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The commandante handed Vasco a document. "Listen," he said. "I trust you; therefore I commission you to deliver this. Important state affairs depend upon its safe transmission. Vasco!"

"Vasco!" he murmured, seeking his hand. "I am sick, very sick, but I do not know how to deliver this. The commandante has entrusted a great mission to you. Perhaps he has told you."

"Hush, mother!" Vasco felt that he could listen no longer. "Hush was the East, and with dawn would come exposure and disgrace. 'You must try to sleep.'"

He staggered from the house, gasping for the fresh, scented morning air. But he had not proceeded far when his arms were seized in a vice-like grip.

"The commandante's orders," explained one of the men who had arrested him, and there was a sneer in the voice. "He was led to the government building and brought before the commandante, who regarded him with scornful eyes. But when he spoke his voice was cold and unemotional."

"You were watched last night, Vasco," he said, "and your disgrace is known. It is not necessary to ask what has become of the document I entrusted to your care. I had hoped to add the one man with a bit in his voice, 'that what I told you would influence you for good. You are a graceless dog. You no longer deserve the privilege of carrying a sword and wearing the insignia of your rank.'"

He motioned to the silent men about him. "Take them from him," he ordered. "If I make no apologies," he began. "I have enemies, and they made use of my weakness in plotting my ruin. You, Senator Commandante, know what that weakness is. They engaged an adventurer to tempt me with strong drink and take the paper from me. But I will make no excuses. His voice caught and broke. 'My mother is near death. She believes in me, just as you did. Let me wear my sword until she has gone, and let her die happily. Then do with me what you wish.'"

The old commandante was struggling with mighty emotions. He looked sternly at Vasco, but a mist had crept into his eyes. His voice quavered as he spoke. "I grant your request. We will both go to her. Come!"

The warm weather has revived the interest in the proposition to establish swimming pools in a portion of the proposed reclaimed area of the Anacostia flats, and this time a determined effort will be made to have the authorities interested in their plans a provision for these pools.

The holiday passed pleasantly yesterday in this section of the District and many points of view, with many attractions. Baseball games were witnessed by large numbers. At the Forestville Driving Park a large crowd was present for an entertainment of the program of events arranged for there.

The work of decorating the graves of the fallen soldiers and sailors at the Government Hospital for the Insane took place yesterday. A large number of people were present for the day, while others opened for half a day.

Band concerts at the Government Hospital for the Insane will be begun this week. They will be held on two afternoons each week in the new Joseph B. Caldwell will be in charge.

Members of the Sulland Improvement Association hope to complete the erection of a new hall in that section before next winter. A special committee has been selected to solicit funds for such a structure and to erect a large amount has been received.

The Anacostia Motion Picture Park opened last evening for the present season and the managers announced that a series of the best photo plays will be reproduced there each evening.

The local school playgrounds will have a large addition of new equipment in the present season. During the past few weeks the school children have been making every effort to raise money for purchasing equipment and they have been very successful. The question of providing grounds for the new school in addition to those already existing will receive favorable action, it is believed.

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The water department is engaged in placing water meters in practically all of the homes in Anacostia. The department is also replacing a large number of the old type.

M. E. Hill will make improvements to his premises at 12 Pomeroy road. William Lewis will make additions to his home, 60 Douglas avenue southeast. James A. Beall will change a front porch at his premises, 224 Nichols avenue. Susan Dyson will make repairs to premises at 130 Stanton road.



SCENE FROM "OLD CALIFORNIA."

## THE WAR DAY BY DAY

Fifty Years Ago.

May 31, 1864—Maj. Gen. John C. Fremont was Nominated for the Presidency and Gen. John Cochrane, of New York, for the Vice Presidency, at a Convention of Discontented Republicans Held at Cleveland—Lincoln's Comment on the Convention.

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### COLONIAL THEATER

Cooler and most comfortable theater in Washington.

"The Air Torpedo"

Great Warner Feature.

"When the Lightning Struck"

And Other Pictures.

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1431 U Street.

TONIGHT

"The Southerners"

Edison 3-part Feature.

BELASCO THEATER

The Beautiful Photo-Play of CREATION

The finest collection of scientific, historical, and biblical films and slides ever exhibited. Accompanied by appropriate music and story. No charge for seats and concessions. Parts change every Sunday and Tuesday.

Daily at 3 and 8 p. m.

BELMONT THEATER

14th St. Near V St.

Cooler Theater in Washington.

TODAY

Universal Program

Casino Theater

Seventh and F Streets N. W.

HARRY CRANDALL

THIS WEEK

Samson

In the six-part Universal Feature "SAMSON"

Popular Prices—10, 20, 30 cents.

SAVOY PARK

14th and Columbia Road

New Open-Adjoining Savoy Theater

Show every evening—extra or extra.

FEATURE PHOTOPLAYS.

Orchestra Concert 7:15 to 9 p. m.

### GARDEN

TODAY

"LOYALTY"

Famous Players of Paris, Hand-colored.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

PLAZA

MUTUAL FILMS

TODAY

A GREAT FEATURE FILM.

ORPHEUM

FEATURE FILMS—All Seats 10c

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

THE LEADER

807-509 9th St. N. W.

TODAY'S PHOTO PLAYS

"The Mystery of the Hidden House"

With Alfred D. Vachburg and Margaret Gibson.

"Pat Casey's Case," "Romany Comedy."

Directed by Geo. Emmens and Wm. Wiley.

RAPHAEL THEATER

9th and O Streets N. W.

TODAY

"The Double Cross"

Kalem.

"Dark Town Wooling"

And Other Pictures. Double Show Today.

### Fleeing Views.

The people who mournfully shake their heads and say that the moving picture exhibitors are never increase the general price of admission to 10 cents and in some cases more than 10 cents.

are in the same class with the people who many years ago used to pessimism never amount to anything very much.

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### GRANDALL'S

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"HEARTS and SWORDS"

THE FUNNIEST 3-REEL COMEDY EVER PRODUCED.

A Universal Comedy with FORD STERLING.

Today at GRANDALL'S

9th and E Streets

ALL SEATS - 10c

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THE MAN WHO MAKES YOU LAUGH IN

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